(b) The seventh five year plan envisage the goal of birth rate of 29.1 for the year 1990.

(c) The Infant Mortality Rate at the national level as available from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India for the latest available year 1985 is 95 per thousand live births (Provisional).

(d) The main steps in this behalf are: increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches expending and improving the quality of out-reach services; promoting greater community participation through the involvement of valuntary organisation; intensifying population education; enhancing child survival rates and improving programme management; raising the status of women; establishing inter-sectoral linkages for promoting faimily planning.

(e) Certain schemes like issue of long-erm maturity bonds and issue of honoured citizen cards entitling its holders to package of incentives/benefis, to the acceptors of samll family norm, which have been under consideration of this Ministry, could not be finalized due to financial constraints and no-finalisation of incentive package respectively.

Use of monthly season ticket in railways

332. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons holding monthly season tickets are being charged extra fare as fine by the railway Magistrates on the Northern Railway for travelling in reserved coaches after 6 A.M.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the persons holding monthly season tickets on other zonal railways are not charged such extra fare; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Maternal mortality rate in the country

333. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present maternal mortality rate in the country and also Statewise;

(b) what is the rate of progress made in lowering it during the last three years; and

(c) what further steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A precise estimate of maternal mortality rate in the country is not available. However, according to a sample survey of causes of death (rural) by Registrar General of India, the maternal deaths as percentages of all female deaths are 2.4, 2.7 and 2.2 in 1982, 1983 and 1984 respectively. In the urban areas, the estimated percentages are 2.8, 2.2 and 2.2 in 1981, 1982 and 1983 respectively. Statewise estimates are not available.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to reduce maternal mortality include expansion of existing health infrastructure training of health manpower, provision of anti-natal, intra-natal and post-natal care, adoption of risk approach, health educa-